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SOYBEAN YIELDS UP FROM THE PREVIOUS FORECAST

Results from a survey conducted September 1 by the Virginia Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service indicated that Virginia's soybean yield prospects have increased since the last forecast on August 1. Timely rains coupled with warm, sunny conditions have improved crop conditions.

Soybean producers expect to harvest an average of 28 bushels per acre from 580,000 acres, an increase of 4 bushels per acre from the previous forecast of 24 bushels per acre on August 1. Production is expected to total more than 16.2 million bushels.

Virginia corn yields are expected to average 65 bushels per acre, unchanged from the previous forecast on August 1. Production is expected to total 20.8 million bushels, which is down 52 percent from last year.

The state's cotton yield is forecast at 673 pounds per acre, down from 713 pounds per acre on August 1. Cotton producers will harvest 82,000 acres in 2010 which is up 19,000 acres from the previous year. Production is expected to total 115 thousand bales.

The state's peanut yield is forecast to be 2,400 pounds per acre. This is a 200 pound per acre increase from the August forecast. Production is expected to total 43.2 million pounds from 18,000 acres for harvest.

Burley tobacco yield is forecast to be 2,200 pounds per acre, bringing total production to 3.5 million pounds from 1,600 acres. Last year's average yield was 2,140 pounds per acre with a total production of 4.3 million pounds harvested from 2,000 acres.

Flue tobacco yield has an increase of 250 pounds per acre from the previous forecast to 2,450 pounds per acre. Production is expected to total 42.9 million pounds from 17,500 acres.

Fire tobacco yield is forecast to be 2,350 pounds per acre. Production is forecast at nearly 1.65 million pounds from 700 acres.

Fire tobacco yield is forecast to be 1,900 pounds per acre. Production is forecast at nearly 1.43 million pounds from 750 acres.

VIRGINIA CROP PRODUCTION

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Crop	Acres Planted			Acres For Harvest			Yield Per Acre			Unit	Production		
	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010
	-Thousand Acres-			-Thousand Acres-			-Units -				-Thousand Units-		
Apples	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Lbs.	226,000	245,000	244,000
Barley	63	67	90	36	43	60	85.0	74.0	71.0	Bu.	3,060	3,182	4,260
Corn for Grain	470	480	460	340	330	320	108.0	131.0	65.0	Bu.	36,720	43,230	20,800
Corn for Silage 1/	---	---	---	125	135	5/	16.0	18.5	5/	Tons	2,000	2,498	5/
Cotton, Upland 2/	61	64	83	60	63	82	908	1,052	673	Bales	113.5	138.1	115.0
All Hay	---	---	---	1,270	1,180	1,290	2.16	2.26	1.85	Tons	2,748	2,668	2,385
Alfalfa Hay	---	---	---	90	90	90	3.00	3.00	2.50	Tons	270	270	225
Other Hay	---	---	---	1,180	1,090	1,200	2.10	2.20	1.80	Tons	2,478	2,398	2,160
Oats 3/	12	12	12	4	4	4	70.0	54.0	5/	Bu.	280	216	5/
Peaches	---	---	---	---	---	5/	---	---	5/	Tons	5.2	5.8	6.5
Peanuts	24	12	18	24	12	18	3,350	3,700	2,200	Lbs.	80,400	44,400	43,200
Summer Potatoes	5.8	7.0	6.1	5.7	6.9	5.7	220	240	200	Cwt.	1,254	1,656	1,140
Sweet Potatoes	0.3	5/	5/	0.3	5/	5/	100	5/	5/	Cwt.	30	5/	5/
Soybeans	580	580	590	570	570	580	32.0	37.0	28.0	Bu.	18,240	21,090	16,240
Tobacco 4/	---	---	---	19.50	20.15	19.80	2,357	2,309	2,426	Lbs.	45,970	46,530	48,040
Flue-Cured Tobacco	---	---	---	17.00	17.50	17.50	2,410	2,340	2,450	Lbs.	40,970	40,950	42,875
Burley Tobacco	---	---	---	2.00	2.00	1.60	2,000	2,140	2,200	Lbs.	4,000	4,280	3,520
Fire-Cured Tobacco	---	---	---	.50	.65	.70	2,000	2,000	2,350	Lbs.	1,000	1,300	1,645
Winter Wheat	310	250	200	280	210	180	71.0	58.0	51.0	Bu.	19,880	12,180	9,180

1/ Silage planted included in corn for grain planted. 2/ Cotton yield in pounds, production in 480 pound net weight bales. 3/ Acres for harvest is grain only. 4/ Includes all types. 5/ Not available.

**Milk Cows and Milk Production
Virginia and United States July 2009 - 2010**

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}			Milk Per Cow ^{2/}			Milk Production ^{2/}		
	July 2009	June 2010	July 2010	July 2009	June 2010	July 2010	July 2009	June 2010	July 2010
	<i>-Thousand Head-</i>			<i>-Pounds-</i>			<i>-Million Pounds-</i>		
Virginia	96	95	95	1,510	1,515	1,515	145	144	144
23 State Total	8,397	8,352	8,371	1,771	1,817	1,830	14,867	15,177	15,316

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.



**FARM LABOR: EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE RATES, VIRGINIA-NORTH CAROLINA AND U.S.,
July 12 - 18, 2010, WITH COMPARISONS ^{1/}**

Farm Employment	VA-NC			UNITED STATES		
	July 12-18, 2009	April 11-17, 2010	July 11-17, 2010	July 12-18, 2009	April 11-17, 2010	July 11-17, 2010
	<i>-1,000 workers-</i>			<i>-1,000 workers-</i>		
Hired Workers Employed	40	33	44	875	737	894
150 days or more	24	25	27	609	585	634
149 days or less	16	8	17	266	152	260
Agricultural Services						
Workers Working on Farms	4/	4/	4/	381	261	350
Hired Farm & Service	4/	4/	4/	1,256	998	1,244
	<i>Hours Per Week</i>					
Hours Worked						
Hired	37.9	39.3	39.9	39.7	39.8	41.0
	<i>Dollars Per Hour</i>					
Wage Rates For All ^{3/}						
Hired Workers ^{2/ 3/}	9.88	10.63	9.40	10.66	10.82	10.82
Type of Worker:						
Field & Livestock Combined	9.50	10.10	8.82	10.04	10.12	10.14
Field	9.18	9.87	8.77	10.04	10.04	10.12
Livestock	10.40	10.59	9.07	10.05	10.30	10.19

* Revised. 1/ Excludes Alaska. 2/ Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates. 3/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. 4/ Insufficient data for this category.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	Virginia			United States			Parity Prices August 2010 ^{9/}
		August 2009	July 2010	August 2010	August 2009	July 2010	August 2010	
		-Dollars-			-Dollars-			
Wheat (Winter) ^{2/}	Bu.	3.51	5.05	5.96	4.67	4.47	5.60	14.50
Corn	Bu.	3.44	3.88	4.27	3.33	3.49	3.65	9.03
Barley (All)	Bu.	2.09	2.36	2.57	5.17	3.75	3.56	10.10
Hay, Baled: All ^{3/}	Ton	120.00	138.00	129.00	104.00	112.00	111.00	—
Alfalfa ^{3/}	Ton	165.00	160.00	165.00	109.00	117.00	116.00	—
Other ^{3/}	Ton	115.00	135.00	125.00	94.40	97.30	96.10	—
All Tobacco	Lb.	--	--	--	--	--	--	—
Peanuts	Lb.	0.265	.214	.234	0.231	0.215	0.210	0.704
Soybeans	Bu.	10.11	9.15	9.99	10.80	9.79	10.10	22.20
Apples, For Fresh Use	Lb.	--	--	.42	0.238	0.304	0.317	0.801
Potatoes	Cwt.	14.00	12.10	--	9.61	8.83	9.16	20.20
Oats	Bu.	2.48	2.30	2.42	1.86	2.10	2.07	5.92
Beef Cattle ^{10/}	Cwt.	74.30	84.60	86.20	80.40	91.60	93.20	248.00
Cows	Cwt.	43.50	50.30	48.80	45.50	59.00	58.20	—
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	88.20	103.00	103.00	85.10	95.90	97.70	—
Calves	Cwt.	95.20	113.00	115.00	108.00	120.00	120.00	350.00
Hogs (All)	Cwt.	--	--	--	37.30	58.50	61.30	135.00
Milk: All, Wholesale ^{4/ 8/}	Cwt.	14.20	19.60	19.80	12.10	16.00	16.60	44.40
Fluid Consumption ^{8/}	Cwt.	14.20	19.60	19.80	12.10	16.00	16.60	—
Manufacture ^{8/}	Cwt.	--	--	--	11.80	14.10	15.10	—
Market Eggs ^{3/ 5/}	Doz.	0.71	0.62	0.87	0.585	0.528	0.624	2.21
Broilers, Live ^{6/}	Lb.	7/	7/	7/	0.430	0.510	0.480	—
Turkeys, Live ^{3/ 6/}	Lb.	7/	7/	7/	0.511	0.647	0.663	1.36

-- No sales indicated or not available. 1/ Current month prices are mid-month prices, other months are entire month prices except where noted. 2/ Parity price is for All Wheat. 3/ All prices are mid-month. 4/ Before deductions for hauling and govt. withholding, but includes bulk tank, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 5/ Includes eggs sold retail by the producer. 6/ Equivalent live weight returns to producers for most states. 7/ Discontinued. 8/ August 2010 fat test percent: all milk 3.52, fluid milk 3.52, mfg. grade 3.83. 9/ Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived by dividing the average of 10 seasons average prices 1996 – 2005, including an allowance where appropriate for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations, by 716 percent (120-month, Jan 1996–Dec 2005 average of the index of prices received by farmers adjusted to include an allowance for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments) unless otherwise noted. 10/ "Cows" and "Steers and Heifers" combined.

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